

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD Office of Safety Advocacy

2ND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: ACT TO END DISTRACTIONS

APRIL 26, 2017

Goal: Look at ways to further advance advocacy efforts to end distracted driving

Statement on Distractions: The 2nd "Act to End Distracted Driving" Roundtable on April 26 in Washington, DC, will be facilitated by National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Acting Chairman, the Honorable Robert Sumwalt. The program will focus on three key components needed to end distracted driving: education, legislation, and enforcement.

Survivor advocates will speak about their experiences, challenges, and successes in the fight to end distracted driving. We will share methods for fostering more productive collaboration between survivors and advocacy groups. The roundtable will also examine legislative and enforcement actions that have been successful in reducing the number of distraction-related crashes.

Details:

Event: 2nd Roundtable Discussion on Distraction Driving

Date and time: April 26, 2017, 9:00 am–4:30 pm

Location: NTSB Board Room

429 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20594

Flow of Show Overview:

8:00 am–8:30 am Meet and greet with attendees

9:00 am–9:15 am Opening remarks by Acting Chairman Robert Sumwalt (sets stage

for event's focus and related discussion).

9:15 am–9:25 am Remarks by Jennifer Smith (sets stage from a victim/family

perspective).

9:30 am-11:00 am **Panel 1: Education & Awareness**

From education campaigns aimed at teen drivers to

community-wide events, education and awareness mark the front line in the fight against distracted driving. We will focus on successful local and state-wide initiatives that you can put into

action in your community.



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11:00 am-11:15 am Break

11:15 am–12:30 pm **Panel 2: Public Policy & Legislation**

14 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the US Virgin Islands prohibit all drivers from using handheld cell phones while driving. Some states prohibit specific handheld cell phone uses (like texting) while driving, but permit other uses. We will discuss the various laws and the challenges that must be overcome to shift public policy. Additionally, we'll look at some examples of what corporate America is doing to tackle this issue.

12:30 pm—1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm–2:45 pm **Panel 3: Enforcement (Consequences)**

Our panel will highlight how advocates and community leaders can support law enforcement efforts to reduce distracted driving. Law enforcement personnel will talk about the training they receive and how enforcement campaigns are funded. Survivor advocates will share their experiences with investigative, criminal, and civil processes resulting from distraction-related crashes.

2:45 pm-2:55 pm Break

2:55 pm-4:00 pm **Panel 4: Final Discussion (Takeaways/Resources)**

Available Resources:

National Safety Council

- What it takes to be a good advocate
- o Goal of NSC survivor advocate network
- Training and tools available from NSC
- How to get involved
- NTSB Disaster Assistance Office

4:00 pm-4:15 pm Acting Chairman Sumwalt Closing & Call to Action

4:15 pm–4:30 pm Photo with group